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## Selectmen discuss proposed bylaw change

*Note: An article about the joint meeting with Hardwick selectmen Monday, May 3 regarding EMS service appears elsewhere.*

By Ellenor Downer  
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BARRE – The Barre Board of Selectmen held a lengthy discussion about creating a bylaw, which would require certain boards and committees to record their meetings on public access and tape for later views by the public.

Selectman chair Gregory O'Sullivan said the bylaw, which he and former selectman Matthew Urban proposed, would require selectmen, DPW Commission, Planning Board and Conservation Commission to record their meetings for the purpose of "transparency." He said selectmen already recorded its meetings. The board in the past offered the use of its meeting room located in the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St., to other boards and committees for the purpose of live cable viewing and taping for future viewing. O'Sullivan said several committees and boards did not record or use Zoom. Selectman Maureen Marshall said there should be more than one town facility where recording would take place as some meeting times might conflict. Selectman Dylan Clark agreed with Marshall the town should set up an alternate site.

Marshall said the board should speak with the group that won't comply. She said there had to be another side to this and she would not approve placing a bylaw on the annual town meeting warrant without looking into it more. She said she would rather solve the problem with communication rather than a bylaw. She said, "All these punitive things doesn't help the community."

### South Street sidewalk

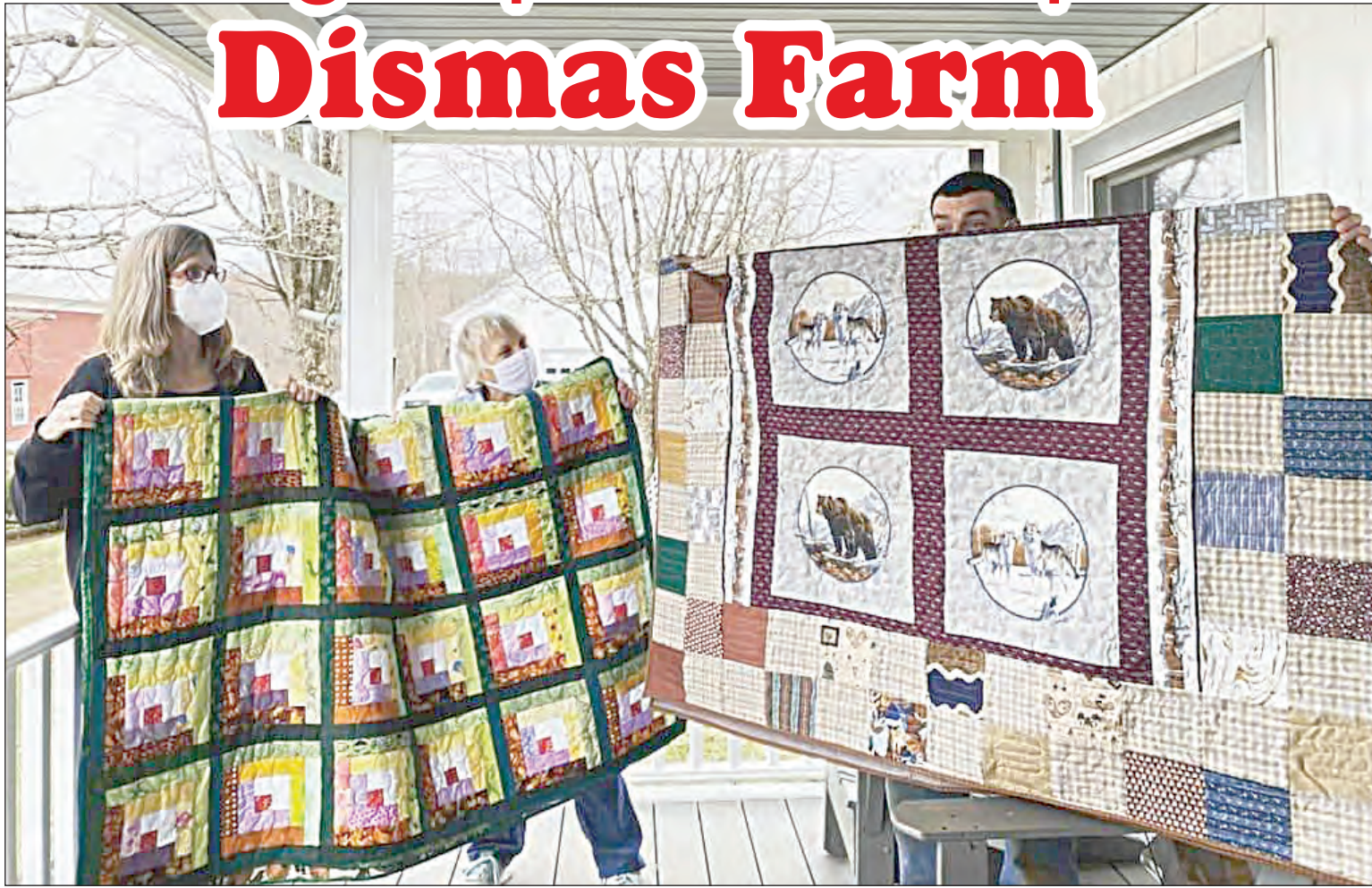
Before selectmen chair O'Sullivan arrived, vice-chair Clark and selectman Marshall discussed the preliminary plans for a sidewalk connecting the Quabbin Regional High School with the center of town. Selectman Marshall asked if the Department of Public Works reviewed the sidewalk plan. Selectman Clark said the historical commission should also give input. The two selectmen voted to wait on taking action until the board heard from the DPW and historical commission opinions on the plan.

### 250th Anniversary Committee

Selectmen met with Richard Stevens, chair of the 250th Anniversary Committee. Stevens said the committee hoped to receive \$50,000 from the town for the celebration and raise another \$50,000 to fund the celebration in 2024. Chair O'Sullivan said he hoped to fund part of the town's portion with free cash at the Annual Town Meeting and would discuss with finance. Selectman Marshall said the appropriation from free cash could wait until a Special Town Meeting, after certification of free cash. Stevens said \$2,198 was left from the 225th anniversary in 1999. He asked for an article on the Annual Town Meeting to create a 250th anniversary celebration and place the balance from the previous anniversary into the account. O'Sullivan offered the use of the selectmen's meeting room for the 250th Anniversary Committee. Stevens said they planned to meet Wednesday nights.

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## Local groups donate quilts to Dismas Farm



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The quilt group, which meets at the Oakham Congregational Church on Wednesdays, made 11 twin-sized quilts for clients at Dismas Farm, located on Lincoln Road in Oakham. This is the latest project the group of six women finished. Edna Holloway of the quilt group, second from left, recently presented the quilts and is shown on the porch of Dismas Farm with just two of the 11 quilts.

## Town administrator resignation accepted

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Board of Selectmen met on Monday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

BOS Chair Kelly Kemp said she has attempted to reach out to Town Administrator Theresa Cofske several times since Cofske gave a verbal notice of resignation during a meeting on April 26. Kemp said she has not gotten any response and felt the board should "move forward," with appointing someone to an interim position.

Kemp said she has spoken with town counsel and was advised that Cofske's verbal resignation in a public, recorded meeting, was sufficient to be

accepted by the board. The board approved a motion to accept Cofske's resignation given on April 26.

### Appointment of interim

BOS Vice-Chair Julie Quink said she would continue to help with the paying of bills and make sure they are up to date. Quink said she is working on getting a job description for the Town Administrator position.

Quink recommended having Lori Hoffman, clerk for the Police Department, take care of the warrants. Hoffman already manages the warrants for both the Police and Highway Departments. Quink said she will have to verify with the town accountant, but she believes Hoffman can be paid from the Town Administrator's budget.

Hoffman said she would be willing to help as much as she could. The board approved a motion to appoint Hoffman to assist the board with interim administrative duties until a permanent town administrator is in place.

### Community Host Agreements

Planning Board Chair Harry Comerford said the town has three Community Host Agreements being reviewed at this time. Kemp said she is waiting to hear back from Adroit Manufacturing LLC after town counsel sent them a revised CHA.

Comerford said the impact fees the town could receive, which go up to 3%, from each proposed business may change in the future, as there is a cur-

rent dispute in another municipality over the fairness of the fees. Kemp said town counsel did notify her that impact fees could possibly be reduced when the dispute is settled. Comerford said even if the impact fee were reduced in the future, the property tax benefit for a business such as Hardwick Greenery would still be significant to the town.

Kemp said both Budding Botanicals LLC and Hardwick Greenery are both looking to be added to the agenda for next week. Selectman H. Robert Ruggles said he would prefer more time to go over the CHAs. The board agreed to review both CHAs by Thursday of this week before submitting them to town counsel.

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## Sheriff Evangelidis announces Lieutenant promotions

WEST BOYLSTON – Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis announced he promoted 15 Sergeants to the rank of Lieutenant including Sgt. Noe Bard of New Braintree and Sgt. Joel Wilson of Oakham.

"All promotions at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office are based on merit, work ethic and a dedication to duty," said Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis. "Today, I am very proud to announce the promotions of Sgt. Noe Bard and Sgt. Joel Wilson as well as the other 13 Sergeants to the rank of Lieutenant, these individuals represent the best in the field of corrections and will work hard to make us a better department."

Bard, a 23 year veteran at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office started his career with the department in February of 1998, was promoted to Sergeant in October of 2017 and effective immediately to Lieutenant. As a Sergeant, Bard was assigned to Maintenance Operations and will continue to serve in that department as a Lieutenant. Lieutenant Bard formerly served in the United States Air Force as a Security Specialist from 1992 - 1996.

Wilson, a nine year veteran of the department began his career



Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis presents newly promoted Lieutenant Noe Bard of New Braintree with his rank insignia gold bars signifying his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant

at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office in March of 2012, was promoted to Sergeant in October of 2017 and effective immediately to Lieutenant. Sgt. Wilson served in the Special Services Unit as a Detective, he will now report as a Lieutenant on the line in the Main Jail Housing Unit. Lieutenant Wilson is also a current member of the Central Massachusetts



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Law Enforcement Council and is a 2013 graduate of Westfield State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

As Lieutenants, Bard and Wilson will be responsible for commanding and supervising correctional officers and staff under their charge as well as monitoring the

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## Library hosts candidates' night

Collette and Taylor answer questions

By Ellenor Downer  
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OAKHAM – Fobes Memorial Library director Samantha Bodine acted as moderator for the candidates' night held at the municipal building last Thursday, April 29.

Bodine said the library hosted a candidates' night for the last few years. This year the only contest on the ballot was for a three-year term to the board of selectmen with two candidates for the one position, Brad Taylor, candidate for re-election and Susan Collette. The town election is Monday, May 17 with the polls located in the Oakham Town Hall, open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Each candidate gave a four minutes introduction. Collette, who had a Masters degree in business management, said she had extensive years working in non-profit at UMass Medical School and dealt with many different personalities. She said she handled all communications and marketing for the graduate school of nursing and the nurse practitioner program. Collette said she thought "it was time for a change" on why she ran for selectman. She said she would like to get the sidewalk done on Maple Street. She also said in concluding she would look at how things worked at town hall to make it more efficient including offering payments online.

Taylor said in the past he worked for the police and fire departments and lived in town most of his life. He graduated from the first class at Quabbin Regional High School and owned two businesses in town, which he sold. He said he ran for selectmen, as "consistently things were left undone." He said it was a difficult time during the pandemic. While a selectman, the board appointed a new administrative assistant, accountant, new fire chief, a building commissioner and regionalized the ambulance with Rutland. The board also

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## Residents share concerns about school budget

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – At the April 27 Board of Selectmen meeting, School Committee Chair Maria Tucker spoke during the public comment time, on behalf of the committee, regarding the cut to their proposed budget. She said the schools received a 16 percent, or over \$1 million, cut to their budget. Tucker said North Brookfield School Superintendent Richard Lind, and their school staff have been "very dedicated" to their students during a challenging year.

### Tri-board meeting

Kiley said he watched the School Committee meeting from the previous night and commented on Tucker's request to hold a tri-board meeting of the School Committee, selectmen and Finance Committee. Kiley said they have held tri-board meetings in the past, and they are an "absolute waste of time." Kiley said the School Committee sets the budget and the town has "no input" in that budget. Kiley said giving the school the increase they requested in their proposed budget, exceeded their 2 ½ percent levy limit. He said the levy limit is \$165,000

and the school requested an increase of \$367,000.

"Money out can't exceed money in," Kiley said. "The school budget isn't under our control, that's the whole problem," Kiley said. He said they have other departments they are required to fund in addition to the school. Tucker said they create their budget based on the needs of the school and stressed the need for open communication with the selectmen and Finance Committee. Tucker said the school also has mandates they need to cover with their budget, just like other departments.

Tucker said when the school thrives, the town thrives. Kiley said he disagreed with her, saying that successful businesses, residents and others make the town thrive. Kiley said all the selectmen and Finance Committee meetings are posted and open to the public, and the School Committee is welcome to attend and discuss issues.

Tim Canada, a member of the School Committee, expressed concern about the budget being cut 16% rather than reducing their 5% increase. Kiley

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### Round Town

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Senior center plans brown bag lunch

A surprise brown bag lunch will be served on Tuesday, May 11 starting at 11.45 a.m. at the Barre Senior Center, 557 Barre Road. Sign up is required so enough lunches can be prepared. Seniors, who sign up but cannot attend should call 978-355-5004 so someone else can fill the space. If people have food allergies, they should indicate so when they order.

Barre Historical Society

The Barre Historical Society scheduled its 2021 annual meeting Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the historical society parking lot. Member should bring a lawn chair. At least 15 members are needed to conduct business. In case of rain, the meeting will be held in the opened up carriage house.

Barre Senior Center events

Tea and pastries will be held at the Barre Senior center Tuesday, May18. Coffee will be served every morning on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. If people need help to sign up for a COVID shot, they should call Eileen Clarkson at 978-355-5004 and she will assist with the registration. Tai Chi will be resuming on Monday, June 7, starting at 1 p.m., sign up is required and is at the desk and the cost is \$3 per session. Humana will be sponsoring a Tech Class every month. The next class is on Tuesday, May 18 starting at 10 a.m. Participants will learn how to use their electronic devices.

Listening Center

The Listening Center in Barre offers Finding Refuge in Community, an eight week ZOOM Program, which will be held Wednesdays, May 23 through June 30 from 7-7:45 p.m. All levels of experience in meditation are welcome. Registration is online at eventbrite. Space is limited. This program is generously supported in part by the benefactors of Trinity Institute for Applied Neuroscience and Spirituality, who strongly believe in the value of this work. www.tiansonline.com. Practice with Pausing Daily Drop-In Meditation is guided by Jen Zehler Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays May 10 to July 2 from 7:45 to 8 a.m. Three days a week we will gather for 15 minutes of slowing down and grounding in the present moment. Each session will include a brief sitting practice and an offering of something to practice with. People may register online at eventbrite, by clicking here, and you come as often as you like, or just “drop-in” when they can. This program is generously supported in part by the benefactors of Trinity Institute for Applied Neuroscience and Spirituality who strongly believe in the value of this work. www.tiansonline.com

Tri-Parish lists upcoming events



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The Tri-Parish Community Church will hold its annual plant, bake, craft and tag sale Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Hardwick Common, Rte. 32, Hardwick Center. This photo was taken in 2019.

GILBERTVILLE – Sonorous music by organist Deborah Kent welcomed worshippers to the Tri-Parish Community Church service this past Sunday, May 2, at the beautiful old Stone Church in Gilbertville (Gilbertville Trinitarian Church).

The Tri-Parish will be holding Sunday Worship at 10 a.m. every Sunday from now through Sunday, Aug. 29.

The Tri-Parish Community services and events are open to all.

Ginny Rich presented her message on helping the poor and Liz Reilly appeared as the guest speaker to bring members and guests up-to-date on the happenings of the Gilbertville/Hardwick Food Pantry during the extremely difficult past year of the pandemic. The Pantry Team and Tri-Parish Community

Church were blessed to able to continue to serve the community well during that time and plans are in the works to continue that assistance.

People may contact the Tri-Parish Church Office at 508-867-3306 any time if they need assistance. Work is proceeding on the exciting Tri-Parish Annual Plant, Bake, Craft and Tag Sale on June 5 and 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Hardwick Common.

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Senior center offers activities

The Senior Walking Club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Bingo is played Mondays at the Hubbardston Senior Center. The next dates are May 10, 17 and 24 from noon-3 p.m. People should call Flo at 978-928-5113 for a space. The Golden Age Club will meet Wednesday, May 19 from 1-3 p.m. at the senior center. The Hubbardston Senior Center drive through food and egg distribution takes place on Thursday mornings. Masks will be in place properly and distancing will be followed.

Fieldstone Farm hike

Open Space Committee and East Quabbin Land Trust invite individuals and families for a community hike at Fieldstone Farm on Lombard Road. The one-mile walk begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 22 at 1 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, May 23. Fieldstone Farm is near the Audubon Society in Princeton. Eventually the hope is to connect with the Mid State Trail and Mt. Wachusett.

Rabies clinic

2021 Dog Licenses are now past due. A late fee of \$25 will be added to all dogs licensed after May 31. Dogs must have a valid rabies on file to license. Gardner Animal Control will be hosting a rabies clinic on May 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a rain date of May 23. Pre-Registration is required. Forms are available to print on the Hubbardston town website. Forms may be dropped in the locked box at the Gardner Animal Shelter located at 899 West Broadway or emailed to animaladoption@gardner-ma.gov People may call 978-630-4950 with questions or concerns.

Orange Historical Society to hold annual meeting

ORANGE – The Orange Historical Society will hold the annual meeting for members and board members on Tuesday May 25 at St. Mary’s Parish Center, on the corner of West Myrtle and Cheney Streets.

Social distancing and masks are required for this meeting and election of officers. The historical society will resume some of its activities this season, modified because of COVID. Tours of the society building will be given on Wednesdays and Sundays during June

and July. Tours will be held between 2-4 p.m. and social distancing and masks will be required.

The society is housed in the French-Weymouth House at 41 North Main St. Orange memorabilia from the Civil War era to the present is housed in the 20-room building and attached three-story barns. The collection includes three Grout steam-powered automobiles, which were manufactured in Orange in early 1900’s. Volunteers, who are always looking for help manage the collection. Much

of the collection needs to be re-labeled and all of the 20 rooms and barn areas could benefit from some cleaning and reorganizing. Anyone is welcome to join the society.

Membership dues help supplement the annual fundraisers to manage the thousands of dollars needed to heat and insure the building and collections. The annual fundraiser heating raffle will be held this year, with the drawing at the Athol-Mahar Thanksgiving Day Football game. Drawings will be for wood pellets,

Orange Oil Heating Oil and firewood. Tickets are available from Walter and Ingrid Pollard and some historical society members.

Membership in the Orange Historical Society is available to anyone in the community or with roots in the community. Membership is \$5 annually, \$50 for life membership of \$75 for lifetime membership. People may contact Kathy Schiappa for membership information at 978-544-6814. People may visit the website at www.orangehistoricalsocietyma.org.

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# News of the Towns

## Oakham

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## Fobes library lists events

Registration is required for all programs and some of the programs will be held at locations in Oakham other than the library. Saturday, May 8 at 11 a.m. there will be a family friendly birding event with the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Participants will learn some bird calls, make a simple bird feeder to take home, take a short walk to look for birds and examine feathers and nests from Wachusett Meadow's permitted collection. Participants should dress for the weather. Saturday, May 15 at 9 a.m. East Quabbin Land Trust youth education coordinator will hold a walk through the Grimes Farm preserve in Oakham. Participants will venture through the newly established trail system and observe some of the local plant and animal fauna of the area. This is a moderate trail about one-mile in length that winds through forest, wetlands, stone walls and an old pasture. Artist Samantha Kirkland will lead a stamp making workshop Saturday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. for adults. Participants will make their custom rubber stamp. The workshop is free and all materials are provided.

Alpine Flora with Mass. Audubon will take place Saturday, May 23 at 11a.m. The program is recommended for adults and will be held at Agronomy Farm Vineyard. Grandma Gatewood hiked by delicate alpine flowers on the higher elevations of her journey. Contrast the habitats and adaptations of local flora to the alpine flora Grandma Gatewood encountered on Mount Washington and explore how climate change may affect flowering plants, locally and at higher elevations. The latest story walk is "When Grandma Gatewood Took a Hike" by Michelle Houts and is available May 5 through May 18. The craft kit is nature journals.

### Annual Town Meeting

The Oakham Board of Selectmen set the date for the Annual Town Meeting for Monday, June 14 at 7 p.m.

### Collection for Cradles to Crayons

Gavin Majoy, a Project 351 alumni ambassador will hold a clothing drive for Cradles to Crayons goes to make a "Kid Pack," which is a week's worth of outfits for a child. The "Kid-pack" includes: four shirts, two pairs of pants, one package of underwear, a package of socks, a sweater or sweatshirt, a pair of shoes and one set of pajamas. Cradles to Crayons is asking Project 351 to reach out to communities to gather donations of new or "like new" clothing sizes newborn to youth large (10-12) (new socks, new underwear and new pajamas are also welcome. HAny new or "like new" clothing sizes newborn to youth large (10/12) including new socks, new underwear or new pajamas is greatly appreciated. A collection box will be located in the hallway of the side door of the church through May 16. The outside door is open at all times.

The Oakham Congregational Church will hold in person Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Social distancing will be followed and masks must be worn. Sunday School is held in Fellowship Hall, located in the downstairs of the church. Children will be potting a plant to give to their mothers' Mothers' Day.

## Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of May 10.

Meal sites are closed and there are only Meals on Wheels deliveries.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Beef stew, rice, corn niblets, strawberries, marble rye bread

TUES. – Chicken breast with buttermilk sauce, herbed potatoes, mixed vegetables, Oreo cookies, whole wheat bread

WED. – Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, sour cream, yogurt, pumpernickel bread

THURS. – Hot dog, baked beans, green beans, fresh orange, hot dog bun, mustard

FRI. – Shepherd's pie, carrots, peas, peaches, Snack'n Loaf

\*Diabetic friendly dessert

\*\*Higher sodium entree

Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

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## Food pantry to hold monthly distributions

BARRE – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday, May 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, May 20 from 5:30-7 p.m. Please note that the Wednesday morning distributions in 2021 are ending a half hour earlier than they have in the past, at 11:30 a.m.

The Barre Food Pantry schedules their two distributions each month on the morning of the second Wednesday and the evening of the third Thursday. Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, May 12 or in the evening on Thursday, May 20, whichever is more convenient for them.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers

and the larger community from the catastrophic spread of the novel COVID-19 virus to which no-one has immunity. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions.

As they have since last spring's distributions, in order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients, May 12 and 20 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers.

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry

volunteers believe this "drive-through" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

While the pantry typically used to have an "all hands on deck" approach to welcoming volunteers, in March they will once again be working with just a very small crew. They are preparing for the distribution by only working in shifts at the pantry, in small household/family groups.

Volunteers should not arrive to volunteer on May 12 or 20 without first contacting Dave Petrovick at 978-355-4519 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry website at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

## Bigelow library lists upcoming events

The Bigelow Free Public Library lists May zoom presentations. An Italian Conversation group called "Circolo Italiano" meets the last Saturday of each month via Zoom at 11 a.m. The next meetings will be May 29 and June 26. Martha Napoli will be hosting this event each month to discuss Italian culture, food, festivals and films. Participants are encouraged to open discussion with articles, travel stories, books, poems to get the conversation started. Interested in practicing speaking another language, this group is open to all levels of experience. People may call 978-365-4160, extension 5 or email Martha Napoli at [mnapoli@cwmars.org](mailto:mnapoli@cwmars.org).

Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. the Bigelow library will host "A Taste of Ayurveda" with Claire Ragozzino, a Kapha Zoom presentation. Combining physical, psychological and spir-

itual health, Ayurveda focuses on whole body healing based on a person's individual body type or "dosha". Ayurvedic practitioners believe there are three major doshas (Vata, Kapha and Pitta) and that by understanding and balancing the needs of your particular primary dosha leads to a better quality of life.

Tonight's presentation by Claire Ragozzino (<https://vidyaliving.com/>) will be focused on the Kapha dosha. Register to learn more about what kind of diet, exercise and meditative techniques might help people feel healthy and grounded if their primary dosha is Kapha. This program is part of the Everyone is Welcome at the Table series funded by the Institute of Museum of Library Services administered by the Board of Library Commissioners. People may register at <http://bigelowlibrary.org/calendar/> to receive the

Zoom meeting invitation.

Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. the library will host "You Are Not Alone: Our Loved Ones Are Here...You're Just Not Listening" with author Sydney Sherman. Zoom Presentation. Acclaimed metaphysical author Sydney Sherman will appear at the Bigelow Library to speak about the science of death, dying and the afterlife. She will be teaching attendees to her Zoom presentation how to create a healthy and open, ongoing relationship with their deceased loved ones. Drawing distinctions between myths and the paranormal she will be recounting numerous personal experiences with energies of the deceased that are still very much here with us and will be teaching us all how to "listen" to deceased loved ones, who are offering protection and guidance from the afterlife.

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## PUBLIC MEETINGS

Note: Many meetings are closed to the public or will be held remotely.

### BARRE

Barre Housing Authority – May 6 at 3 p.m.  
Finance Committee – May 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
9/11 Memorial Development Committee – May 6 at 7 p.m.  
QRSD Special Ed Subcommittee – May 7 at 9 a.m.  
Board of Health – May 10 at 5 p.m.  
Water Commission – May 10 at 6:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – May 10 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Committee – May 11 at 7 p.m.  
Library Trustees – May 18 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – May 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board – May 18 and June 1 at 7 p.m.  
Sewer Commission – May 20 at 7 p.m.  
Zoning Board of Appeals – May 26 and June 2 at 7 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – May 27 at 11 a.m.  
Cable Advisory Committee – June 8 at 7 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Board of Health – May 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – May 6 at 7 p.m.  
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – May 10 at 6 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – May 10 and June 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board – May 11 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – May 13 at 9:30 a.m.  
Gilbertville Public Library – May 14 at 4 p.m.  
Gilbertville Water District – May 18 at 5:30 p.m.  
Personnel Committee – May 18 at 5:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – May 19 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – May 6 and June 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
Library Trustees – May 6 at 7 p.m.  
Finance Committee – May 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
Select Board – May 10 and May 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
Open Space Committee – May 25 and June 29 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – June 1 at 7 p.m.  
Historical Commission – June 5 at 10 a.m.  
Town Center Committee – June 17 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Board of Health – May 6 and May 20 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – May 10 at 10 a.m.  
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee 2020 – May 10 at 6:30 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – May 13 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – May 14 at 10 a.m.  
Petersham Historic District – May 20 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – May 27 at 7 p.m.

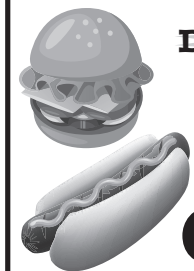
### RUTLAND

Finance Committee – May 6 at 6 p.m.  
Annual Town Meeting – May 8 at 6 p.m.  
Annual Town Election – May 10 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Prison Camp Public Hearing – May 12 at 6 p.m.  
Select Board Public Hearing – May 17 at 6 p.m.  
Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing – May 19 at 6 p.m.

*Places to go...  
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# Opinion

## Guest Column

### HISTORY MATTERS

*History Matters is a biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is given to children’s books that emphasize the importance of American history.*

## May 1 to May 15

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith  
*Guest columnists*

On May 5, 1961, Navy Commander Alan Bartlett Shepard Jr. became the first American in space. It was just a 15-minute mission, memorable to the nation, but too late to outwit the competition. Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gargarin astounded the world when he orbited the earth, once, in the Vistok 1.

Shepard’s Freedom 7 capsule, however, foreshadowed America’s dominance; less than a decade later, the Apollo 11 mission “silenced” the Russians, and catapulted Neil Armstrong, Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin, and Michael Collins to the moon.

Shepard was ranked fifth to walk the lunar surface after the Apollo 14 mission.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Light This Candle: The Life and Times of Alan Shepard,” by Neal Thompson.

Transcontinental railroads

The American Revolution was an unexpected victory for the colonists. They won an immense land with a myriad of perks and perils, but the only way to traverse its complex vastness was to join a wagon train. It was a complicated and difficult crossing that many did not survive.

Then, on May 10, 1869, everything changed; two railroads completed the task of laying the tracks from “sea to shining sea.” The presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads met at Promontory, Utah to drive the last spike into the rails of the nation’s first transcontinental railway.

Seven years earlier, land grants and loans from Congress had equipped them with the fiscal flexibility to build, but according to History.com, “In their eagerness for land, the two lines built right past each other, and the final meeting place had to be renegotiated.”

To learn more about how the West was subdued, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Full Steam Ahead: The Race to Build a Transcontinental Railroad,” by Rhoda Blumberg.

Lewis and Clark

In order to determine what it would require to mollify a newly acquired, undomesticated expanse of land, President Jefferson determined that a survey was imperative; he selected two explorers, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, to manage the mission.

America was just over 21-years-old, but the Louisiana Purchase transaction suddenly added 828,000 acres, and the equivalent of approximately 15 states.

Lewis and Clark started their journey in St. Louis with 55 men on May 14, 1804.

According to History.com, “The expedition traveled up the Missouri River in a 55-foot-long keel-boat and two smaller boats. In November, Toussaint Charbonneau, a French-Canadian fur trader accompanied by his young Native American wife, Sacagawea, joined the expedition as an interpreter. The group wintered in present-day North Dakota before crossing into present-day Montana, where they first saw the Rocky Mountains.

They met up with the Shoshone Indians when they reached Colorado, crossed the Clearwater and Snake rivers in canoes, and followed the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean on Nov. 8, 1805.

Two and a half years later, the expedition returned, in triumph, to St. Louis with 33 men. They had mapped out new lands and brought back journals about the Indian tribes they encountered; scientific notes of the flora and fauna they encountered, and a claim to the Oregon Territory.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Sacajawea,” by Joseph Bruchac.

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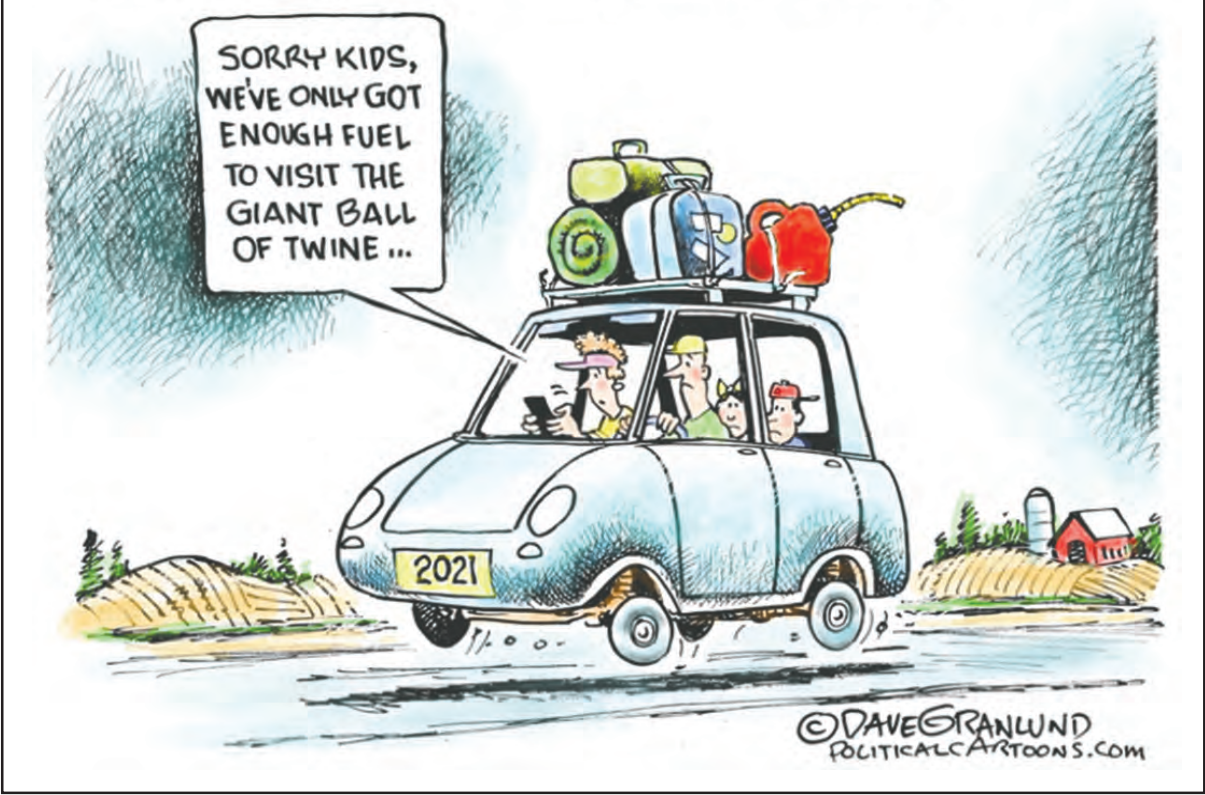
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## Summer gas shortage may affect plans...



## In Past Pages

5 years (May 12, 2016)

The task force committee and Quabbin Regional School District met to look at declining enrollment, decreased revenues and excess space in school buildings. These were just some of the issues an independent consultant would be studying. The five member towns of the Quabbin Regional School District through a community compact grant will be asking the Collins Institute to study demographics data to help the task force committee and school district resolve or at least alleviate some of the long term issues. In a scope of work, the committee charged the Collins Center to see if there were other ways to bring in revenue and if there were no viable new income resources, to provide a plan of school consolidation and other uses for vacated buildings. An option included possibly forming joint school districts. The center would also verify the data already gathered by the school district such as population numbers.

Cinderella twirls around and her ragged dress turns into a lovely gown fit for a ball. The audience responded with a collective “wow.” As the curtain opens, all this magic happens right before the audiences’ eyes with the flick of the fairy godmother’s wand as a pumpkin becomes a carriage pulled by four white mice turned into horses. Quabbin Regional High School students presented Roger’s and Hammerstein’s musical “Cinderella” last Friday and Saturday. Talent was evident from the cast to the pit band, to the directors and producer to the set crew, program design and costumes. Julia Tuttle, a senior, as Cinderella, showed her vocal talents. Samuel Pellegrino, Prince Charming, even brought some humor to the production when one of the set trees always seemed to be in the way. He ordered the captain of the guard to trim the tree.

Oakham selectmen opened the Annual Town Meeting warrant Monday night and will close it the following Monday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. The selected three possible dates for the ATM: Monday, June 13, Tuesday, June 14 and Wednesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at the Oakham Center School. They will check with town clerk Christine Mardirosian and moderator Jeffrey Young to find out what date works best for them.

10 years (May 12, 2011)

The Barre Sewer Department will be cleaning and videotaping the sewer lines during the following dates: Monday, May 16 through Friday, May 20 on Debra Lane, Town Farm Road, Fruitland Road, Cathy Lane, Terry Lane and Wildwood Drive on Monday, May 23 through Friday, May 26, Worcester Road. During this process the sewer department will use a high pressure jetting machine to clean the sewer lines. Residents may experience a rumbling sound, in addition to the possibility of water expelling from their sink, bathtub and/or toilet. In the event that this does occur, they may want to run water down the sink and bathtub and flush their toilet to prevent any unpleasant odors from occurring.

## LOOK BACK Memorial Day - 1995



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**Representing the police department in Barre’s parade were Michael Simeone, center and Police Chief James Thompson. Behind them are the Reeds, Stewart and Jean and their son, Craig.**

As part of a nationwide effort to save lives, the Barre Police Department, in partnership with the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security’s Highway Safety Division, the State Police and nearly 190 other local departments is launching a high-visibility seat belt enforcement blitz called “Click It or Ticket.” The message is simple Massachusetts drivers and passengers should always wear their seat belts or be ready to face the consequences.

The Oakham Board of Selectmen unanimously appointed interim police chief Fred Gehring to part-time chief for three years. Officer James Albano told selectmen at their Monday night meeting that chief Gehring is doing a great job and that department morale is at its highest since 1995. Officer Matt Piscitelli and a recent police academy graduate state that he has gained a lot of knowledge from the chief. He said Gehring goes beyond what chiefs do. Ken Nelson reported faster responses to calls.

25 years ago (May 9, 1996)

For decades Dr. Samuel C. Pickens has served as a role model for students, residents and colleagues as a compassionate family physician and as an active leader within the communities in which he has practiced. For these reasons, he has been selected as the 1996 Family Physician of the Year by the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Pickens’ medical career can be divided into two periods, each with richness deeper than most could hope to attain in a lifetime. Initially trained in surgery, he devoted 13 years to medical missionary work in India. He then turned to Central Massachusetts, where he settled into practice as a family physician and became the cornerstone for the state’s only rural training site for residents and students. The son of missionary parents, Sam was born in Nanking, China, where his father an Episcopal minister ran a school and produced a missionary newspaper. His mother, a nurse, ran a dispensary for poor families.

Police Chief James Thompson told selectmen Monday night he learned the finance committee is not recommending continued funding of its share of a community policing grant. Thompson said Officer

Michael Morrison was hired last year under this federal grant that pays 75% of his salary. The town has to pay \$6,152 for its 25% share. Thompson said he had been invited to meet with the finance committee to give reasons why he feels the officer is needed. Finance committee chair James Malley said Wednesday his board won’t make a final decision on the matter until members meet with Thompson.

A chorus of “Yyess” was heard throughout the auditorium as fifth grader Petr Wronski spelled “volatile” correctly to win the 71st annual Spelling Bee sponsored by the Friday Club on May 3. Petr had fallen the night before. When he went to the Family Health Center in Barre the next morning, he learned his arm was broken and it would have to be put in a cast. He kept urging the folks at the center to hurry as they were casting his arm. He didn’t want to miss the spelling bee.

38 years ago (May 12, 1983)

Barre and Hubbardston will be the scenes of St. Jude’s Hospital “Wheels for Life” Bike-a-thons, which will be held on May 14 in Barre and on May 21 in Hubbardston. Chairpersons of the events in the respective towns are Holly Miner and Hubbardston Fire Department Lieutenant Spence LaPorte. Organizers of the event are seeking to raise money to support St. Jude’s role in helping children afflicted with leukemia, Hodgkin’s disease and other forms of cancer, infantile malnutrition and other catastrophic childhood illnesses.

Michael Anthony Morgan, Fruitland Road, Barre, has completed the Aeronautical Maintenance Technology Course at East Coast Aero Technical School, Hanscom Field, Lexington, where he prepared for the Federal Aviation Agency examination to become a licensed airframe and power plant technician. He received a high honors award for an outstanding record of scholarship and performance.

State Senator Robert Wetmore spoke at the dedication of the largest white oak in New England recently. The tree has a height of 97 feet, circumference of 257 inches and a spread of 99 feet. It is located on the Salem Cross property on Bridge Road in New Braintree.

## Guest column

## Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

I really don’t know what to tell you this week as there has been nothing special happening in this house. The grandchildren did visit a short while, but picked up all their toys so there were none to bat around. Missy went to the dump so there are no papers or wastebaskets to get into.

I told you last week about Saint Gertrude and Gertrude the Nun. I haven’t been naughty all week so I suppose I am a saint. Yah, you know that isn’t true.

Missy has just told me I can go outside with her today as she sweeps up all the bird seed shells from the deck. Maybe I’ll have fun after all this week. Yep, I have just chased a squirrel across the yard up under the cabin where he disappeared. Darn, I wanted to chase it more.

Missy is yelling for me to come back. It has just started to rain hard and she wants to go inside. I came reluctantly even though I got my fur wet.

What to do now? I have already had two naps and am not sleepy. Wait a minute, I haven’t pulled down the towels in the kitchen or the bathroom lately. First, I’ll tackle the kitchen while Missy is busy sewing and then the bathroom. That is more fun as the towels are larger and I can burrow under them once I get them down. Whee, this is fun, but Missy won’t think so when she sees the towels. I guess being an angel or saint stops here.

Now I feel better having made some mischief, even though it isn’t as bad as sometimes. Next week, I promise I will find more mischief to get into. Missy hasn’t scolded me this week. Ha, ha, honestly, I really miss that.

Have a safe week folks and try to stay healthy.

Love,  
Gertrude



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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

The weather sure has been flexible this week. When I get up at 5 a.m., it was 32 and by afternoon it was 60 degrees. I did purchased some annuals, which I have planted in pots and window boxes so I have been bringing them into the garden shed each night.

I went to Rietta Ranch flea market on Sunday and what a crowd there. Most people were obeying the rules and wearing a mask, but a few were not. I did purchase a lovely brass school bell and two picture frames. Actually one of the frames had a nice oil painting of fruit and I may keep the painting and not use it as a frame. The other one had a recipe for Gingerbread and at Christmas I have my kitchen decorated with gingerbreads so I may keep that for Christmas.

I also purchased a nice pocket-book that was new so I changed the contents of my old one over to it. Now I have to get used to where I put everything, as it has all kinds of compartments.

With Mothers’ Day coming up, I thought this would be a nice recipe to make and doesn’t require baking. Just refrigerate it.

**BANANA SPLIT CAKE**  
2 cups graham cracker crumbs  
2 sticks margarine  
2 cups powdered sugar  
2 eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla  
4 to 7 bananas  
1 large can crushed pineapple  
1 large carton Cool Whip  
2 tablespoons chopped walnuts  
1/4 cup chopped cherries

Combine crumbs with 1 stick melted margarine; spread into a 9 by 13 inch pan. Mix and beat for 15 minutes 2 cups powdered sugar, 1 stick margarine, 2 eggs and vanilla. Pour over crumbs. Cover with bananas sliced lengthwise. Add Cool Whip. Sprinkle nuts and cherries over Cool Whip. Refrigerate. Cut into squares when serving.

**This and That**  
I have been busy in the gar-

dens and watching various thing come up and bushes in bloom. Right now the Flowering Quince and PJM are in full bloom. The lilac leaves have come out and the hostas are showing their leaves. I did divide and transplant some of the hostas in some of my hanging pots. The May flies have not been too bad yet, as there has been a breeze.

I have an instrument, which is shaped like a tennis racket that you can swat mosquitoes and May flies with. It goes snap when you hit one. Try to keep containers free of water to keep the population down.

I was sorry to hear a former resident, Charles Fox of Maine, passed away. He used to live on Gardner Road and has relatives, who live in the area. He was a farmer.

When I went to get the eggs and groceries at the Hubbardston Senior Center this week, I got a May Basket that was made by some seniors.

Have a good week and stay safe.

## HARDWICK, continued from page 1

Comerford said another possible marijuana establishment may be looking to start up in Hardwick. He said a representative from a group in Boston will be joining the Planning Board meeting on May 11. Comerford said the group is from a neighborhood that was unfairly impacted by former marijuana laws, so they have “top priority,” on the state list.

The meeting was recessed in order to join the Barre Board of Selectmen meeting for 7:15 p.m. to discuss emergency medical services.

**Meeting with Barre BOS**  
Due to the Barre selectmen being in executive session, Hardwick’s BOS joined their meeting at 8:10 p.m. to discuss emergency medical services. Quink said she emailed Barre Town Administrator Jessica Sizer with the financial information related to ambulance calls from Ware. She said from July 2019 to June 2020, they had \$95,678 in payments for ambulance calls, making the average trip cost \$471.

Barre BOS Chairman Greg O’Sullivan asked if this figure represented the entire town of Hardwick, or just the area Barre would possibly be covering. Quink said this number was for the entire town. Barre Fire Chief Robert Rogowski said he expected Barre to cover between 75 to 100 calls on their side of Hardwick, or about a third of the calls.

Hardwick selectmen are looking to split EMS coverage with either Ware and Barre, which both offer ALS, or Barre and West Brookfield Rescue Squad, which is currently BLS only. Barre BOS Clerk Maureen Marshall asked the

Hardwick board how comfortable their residents would feel if the town was divided with one portion receiving ALS coverage and the other BLS coverage. Quink said before their agreement with Ware, their own ambulance was BLS only, so residents were already used to that.

O’Sullivan asked Rogowski if they would need a third ambulance to cover part of Hardwick. Rogowski said they are already covering a lot of those calls now and would not need another ambulance. Both O’Sullivan and Marshall asked how the poor conditions of some of Hardwick’s roads would affect the wear and tear on Barre’s ambulances. Rogowski said they cover calls to those areas of Hardwick now to assist Ware, and Barre also has roads in need of work.

Rogowski said he has discussed applying for a grant to secure a rapid response vehicle with Hardwick Fire Chief Raymond Walker, Ware Fire Chief Chris Gagnon and West Brookfield Rescue Squad President Dan McCall. Having a rapid response vehicle could provide faster response to remote areas of towns.

Rogowski said he felt sharing coverage of Hardwick with Ware would be the most benefit to the residents. He suggested looking at Barre’s agreement with New Braintree and drafting something similar for Hardwick. Barre receives a \$15,000 assessment from New Braintree, in addition to invoicing for ambulance transports. The assessment fee offsets assists, refusals, and non-transport.

O’Sullivan, Marshall and Barre BOS Vice Chairman Dylan Clark agreed that some type of “oversight” committee should be formed to investigate this further and come up with a cohesive agreement that

benefits both towns. Clark said he wants to see a clear proposal that anyone can understand and stressed that “these are vital services and a lot of money.” Quink said they had an oversight committee for Hardwick and Ware, and it helped in working through issues and concerns.

Quink said being able to pay both Barre and Ware’s assessments would be a “heavy lift” for Hardwick and asked Rogowski if he was willing to work with WBRS. Rogowski said he and Sizer have discussed this and they both had reservations about working with WBRS. Sizer said they worry that WBRS is “over-promising” their services. Quink said she just wanted to understand Barre’s position on WBRS and acknowledged that Barre already works “really well” with Ware.

Rogowski said it costs Barre \$75,000 a year to have an ambulance and with Hardwick’s assessment, they would add approximately \$57,000 to their budget, reducing the financial burden on Barre.

O’Sullivan said he would like this agreement drafted prior to town meeting and reviewed by the town attorney. The Barre BOS made a motion to draft a preliminary document to approve at their next meeting in two weeks. Kemp requested an email of the draft agreement be sent to Quink to present at Hardwick’s joint meeting with their Finance Committee next Monday, in order to help plan their budget.

Rogowski said one thing they could look forward to with the potential agreement, is the opportunity to apply for regionalized grants to help get an ambulance back in Hardwick. “We have to start at the small level first,” he said.

# Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Oakham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, May 10. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Dick Clark, Stephen Craven, Karen Delude, Evelyn Luukko, Jeremy Varnum and Phillip Warbasse correctly identified the photo. Last week's photo was the North Brookfield Senior Center, located at 29 Forest St., North Brookfield.

## Princeton Art Society to hold spring show

PRINCETON – The Princeton Arts Society’s annual spring show and sale is the perfect opportunity to view inspiring works of art and perhaps add a piece to your personal collection.

The annual spring show is free and open to the public Saturday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. at the Princeton Senior and Community Center, 206 Worcester Road (Post Office Place).

All work is by the society’s members, many of whom are award winning artists widely recognized in their fields. The show includes works in oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, photography and more including three-dimen-

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The Princeton Arts Society is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization encouraging and supporting area visual, literary and performing artists. For more information people may go to www.princetonarts.org or visit Facebook at Princeton Arts Society.

## BARRE, continued from page 1

**Cable access**  
Selectmen discussed improving cable access in town. Marshall suggested looking at what other communities did. O’Sullivan said the town would be in a better position with negotiations with the cable provider if they owned the cable. He said cable could be buried on roads without access. The

town appropriated \$100,000 for cable access at last year’s Annual Town Meeting. The federal government was also offering additional funds with some earmarked for cable access.

**COVID update**  
Town Administrator Jessica Sizer said the large vaccination sites administered about 20% of the COVID vaccines and small sites provided the other 80%. The state would be closing down the

large sites and relaying on local sites. She said the Rutland regional site had rates higher than than state sites. O’Sullivan said the town did well with its clinic.

**Executive session**  
When selectman O’Sullivan arrived, the board voted to go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining with the police department. The board reconvened to regular session about an hour later.

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# Calendar of Events



**THURSDAY, MAY 6**

**WORCESTER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY** presents the virtual concert experience “Horizons,” a journey through great music culminating in Beethoven’s Archduke Trio. The concert, recorded at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, is available on-demand now through June 30. Tickets are \$20 for adults or \$38 per household; \$5 for students and free for EBT/WIC cardholders and youths under 17.

The program is funded in part by the Auburn, Gardner, Fitchburg, Lunenburg, and Shrewsbury Cultural Councils, local agencies funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. People may visit <https://worcesterchambermusic.org/concerts/horizons> for more information or to purchase tickets.

**SATURDAY, MAY 8**

**BARRE FARMERS’ MARKET** will be held Saturdays now through October on South Common in Barre from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market features local farmers, crafters and more. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.They will remain in their cars.

**OAKHAM,**  
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took the town beach back, had the Maple Street project ready to go and installed a generator in town hall. Taylor built a new office for the town accountant.

Bodine posed questions, which the audience submitted earlier. She alternated, who answered the question first.

**Question:** What do you see as the biggest challenge in the next three years?

**Answers:**

Collette said maintaining a level funded budget, putting together a capital plan and not overspending.

Taylor said the board agreed to put \$50,000 this year into the capital stabilization, was working well with the finance committee for the first time in many years and was looking for a committee to look at either preservation of the town hall or build a new one.

**Question:** What do you plan to do about the lack of Internet?

**Answers:**

Taylor said the board talked to Charter Communications, the cable provider, the governor’s office and formed a committee.

Collette said it was a topic for many years and wondered what other towns have done in this situation.

**Question:** Do you support keeping Zoom meetings after the necessity?

**Answers:**

Collete said she supported keeping it.

Taylor said the board would continue with Zoom meeting for now. It cost \$45 per month.

**Question: Can we expect Oakham will continue and support the size of solar farms.**

**Answers:**

Taylor said the planning board was doing a good job and people had a right to use their property. He said he would rather see a solar farm rather than 30 more houses. The town received \$31,500 from the solar farm on Barre Road.

Collette said she hated to loose the “small town feel.” She liked the revenue, but the town should be care-

ful how many they allow in town.

**Question:** What innovative ideas do you have for the town?

**Answers:**

Collette said there were a lot of things at town hall, which were archaic and a lot of waste and error. She would start with the town hall and “give it a good overhaul.”

Taylor said it was important to treat employees fairly. He said the boiler at town hall was old and would cost five figures to replace. He said the town hall was “expensive and difficult.”

**Question:** Do you feel social media is a proper venue to address issues?

**Answers:**

Taylor said “absolutely not” and people with issues should attend a selectmen’s meeting.

Collette said some social media “has been out of hand.” She said the fire and police Face book pages have been a benefit.

**Question:** Oakham has no local access channel and newspapers, what do you propose?

**Answers:**

p.m. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 seniors and students and free for members. Reservations are required. For assistance with a reservation or any additional questions, people may call 978-424-4506 or email [events@fitchburgartmuseum.org](mailto:events@fitchburgartmuseum.org).

**SATURDAY, MAY 15**

**THE WORCESTER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY** will stream its annual senior concert, an all-Mozart concert and premiering at 4 p.m. The performance, recorded at Briarwood Retirement Community is free for all senior citizens residing in Worcester County. The Dr. Ted Conna Memorial Concert will be available on demand now through June 30.

Tickets are free to all senior residents of Worcester County; \$20 for adults or \$38 for a household; \$5 for students; youth (17 and under) and EBT card holders are free. People may g online to [www.worcesterchambermusic.org](http://www.worcesterchambermusic.org) for tickets. For further information, people may contact Alison Doherty at [alison@worces-terchambermusic](mailto:alison@worces-terchambermusic)

**SATURDAY, MAY 22**

**REIGNING CATS AND DOGS EXHIBIT** will be

on display at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St., Ware, now through June 27. An in-person artist’s reception will be held Saturday, May 22 from 3-7 p.m. Exhibition hours will be May 22 to June 27 on Fridays from 4-8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from noon-5 p.m. For more information or people may visit [workshop13.org](http://workshop13.org) for a printable entry form or contact ArtWorks Gallery at [artworks@workshop13.org](mailto:artworks@workshop13.org) or 413-277-6072.

**SUNDAY, MAY 23**

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS** of Western Massachusetts will be holding its 21st Annual Virtual Walkathon, “A Journey of Hope and Recovery” beginning at 11 a.m. The event is suitable for all ages and abilities. Funds raised will directly benefit NAMI Western Massachusetts continuing efforts to help increase awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for the people in the community living with mental health conditions and their loved ones. For further information, people may please contact 413-786-9139 or visit [www.namiwm.org/events](http://www.namiwm.org/events) for entry and sponsorship forms.

**Answers:**

Collette said hopefully it would be like it is and maybe with a new town hall.

Taylor said he didn’t expect a pandemic. His vision was peace and tranquility.

**Question:** Do you think town departments have adequate staffing?

**Answers:**

Taylor said it was ok, but it asked a lot of very few. He said the town can not spend more than it has.

Collette said there was a lot of work for a few hours. She said there was many other ways such as internships with college and high school students.

**Questions:** Do you think town employees are compensate fairly?

**Answers:**

Collette said they are not. They need more time and money.

Taylor said the board was just discussing the employee situation and most departments were not.

**Question:** Do either candidate endorse QR and conspiracy theory? Yes or No

**Answers:** Both answered no



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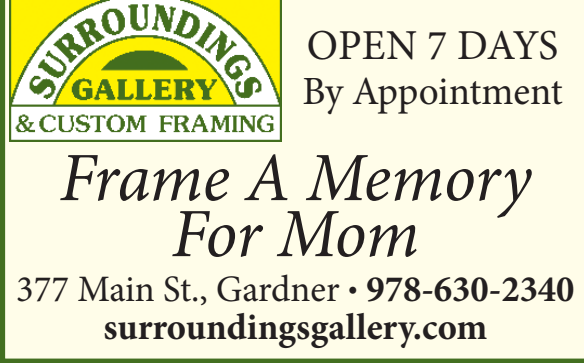
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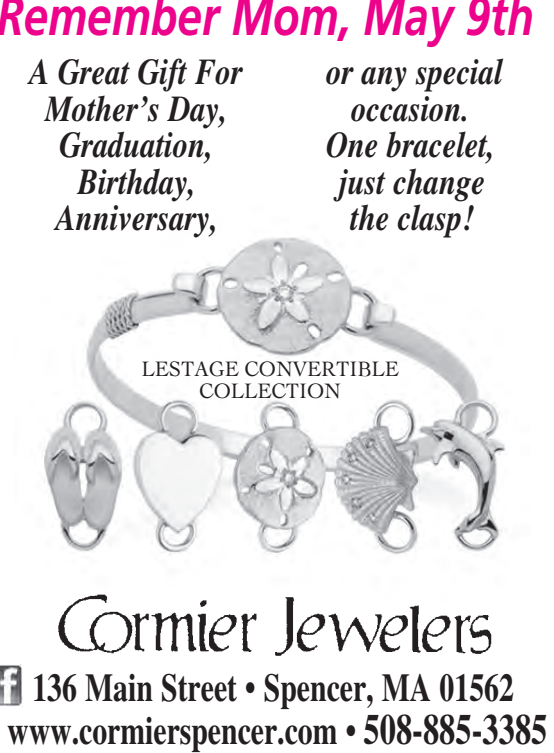
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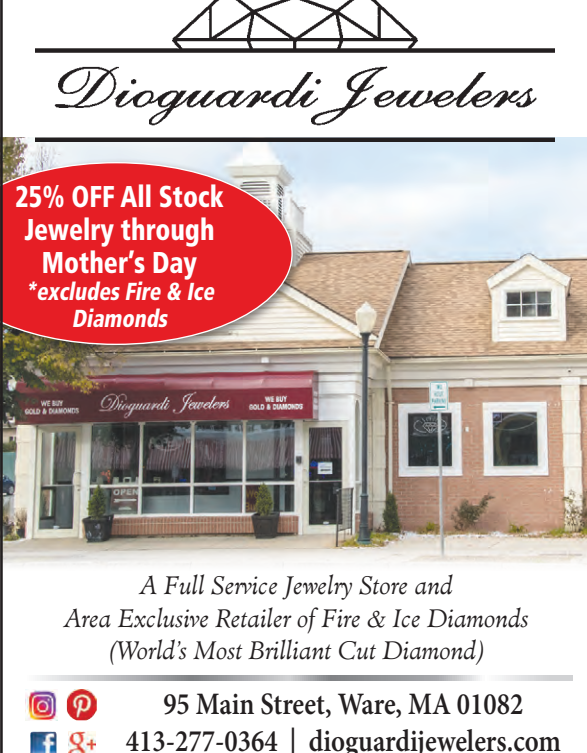


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Angelina Morassiyellow fields a grounder.

## Spring sports return

PALMER – After no action at all last year, Pathfinder spring sports began last week. Teams were in full practice mode with a quick turnaround to games beginning this week. The spring season will be played until the end of June.



Ava Theoclis catches the ball at second and pivots for a double play.



Brianna Beynor throws the ball back home.

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Jake Reithle winds back to make a long throw.



Ashton Tebo makes a long catch with defense stick.

## Tri-County legend Oliveira passes away



Photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Karl Oliveira, a Western Mass. Baseball Hall of Famer and longtime player-manager for St. Joe's of the Tri-County League, passed away last week at the age of 57.

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
gscibelli@turley.com

PALMER – With just a month to go before the season is set to begin, the Tri-County Baseball League, and the region at-large are mourning the loss of a league legend, as well as a Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Famer.

Karl Oliveira, who played in the Tri-County League for almost 40 years, passed away at the age of 57. When news of his passing began circulating last Monday, April 26, it was a shockwave throughout the entire Western Massachusetts baseball community, including his own team, and even his competition.

Oliveira's legacy in the Tri-County League began when he was just 17-years-old. He made the Fenton's of Amherst roster. He moved around the league for 10 years before coming to agreement for the St. Joseph's Club to sponsor a Tri-County team, and St. Joseph was once again a part of the league after leaving it for nearly 20 years. Oliveira served as a player-manager for the team and became an active participant in the league's leadership, serving as the league's secretary for many years.

St. Joseph's has been a mainstay in the league since that time. Oliveira enjoyed the competition of the league as well as participation.

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## Rameau takes win in Monadnock season opener



Submitted photo

Sam Rameau won the Tri Track Open Modified series opener last Saturday afternoon at Monadnock Speedway.

WINCHESTER, N.H. — Sam Rameau dominated early, restarted deep in the field after a pit stop, drove to the front, made a pass for the lead, and rolled to Victory Lane. The Westminister, Massachusetts, native, and driver for Rameau Family Motorsports, was victorious in the season-opener for the Tri Track Open Modified Series presented by All Phases Renovations at Monadnock Speedway on Saturday, May 1.

In the Wonder Casino 100, Rameau made a late pass on Ron Silk to score the \$6,000 winning check — besting more than 30 cars that showed up to the Winchester, New Hampshire oval. Silk crossed the line second, with defending series champion Matt Hirschman third. Rameau pitted from the lead, along with the rest of the field, during a caution period just after halfway. He restarted outside the

top-15 and his chances of winning at that point appeared slim. But the rising Modified talent worked his way to the front.

“I was just going at my own pace early, and we came in and I'm not going to lie, I was really nervous over the radio,” Rameau said. “With 40 laps to go, I said there was no way we were winning the race. The car just rolled the outside great. We all come here for the same reason. It's really cool. I just really can't thank my guys enough. They do a great job.”

Two-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore and Les Hinckley finished the top-five. Ben Byrne was sixth, followed by Woody Pitkat, Anthony Nocella, NASCAR Cup Series driver Ryan Preece and Joey Cipriano III.

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## Pioneers ready to get back on the pitch

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — After the 2020 soccer season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the members of the Western Mass. Pioneers and the New England Mutiny are eager to start playing matches again at historic Lusitano Stadium.

“Everyone has been impacted by the pandemic during the past year,” said Joe Ferrara Jr., the Pioneers first-year General Manager and the Mutiny Managing Director. “The players and coaches from both teams are itching to get back out on the pitch and play some soccer. It should be another exciting season.”

The last time the Pioneers played a match at Lusitano Stadium was a 1-0 shutout victory versus Manhattan SC on July 6, 2019. They then wrapped up the 2019 regular season with a 2-1 win at Manhattan SC the following weekend.

The Pioneers, who finished in first place in the Northeast Division standings with an 11-0-3 mark in 2019, began the USL League Two playoffs by dispatching the North Carolina Fusion U23 squad, 3-1, in the Eastern Conference semifinals at Gurski Stadium in Reading, Pennsylvania.



Guillermo Deal tries to settle a ball during one of the last games played in 2019.



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Ben Brewster starts a move up the field. The Pioneers will be back in 2021.

Their outstanding season came to an end twenty-four hours later following a 1-0 loss to Reading United AC in the Conference finals.

The Pioneers are scheduled to return to action for the first time in almost two years by hosting Fall River FC in a friendly at Lusitano Stadium at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night. No Spectators will be allowed to attend the preseason match.

There is a very good chance many of the Pioneers faithful supporters will be able to attend the first home match of the regular season against the Seacoast United Phantoms on May 21. A new state guideline which goes into effect on May 10, will increase the capacity from 12% to 25% at all indoor and outdoor stadiums in Massachusetts.

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Several defenders create a way to block a free kick. The season kicks off this week with an exhibition match.

## MIAA approves modified rules for wrestling

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – Though it came down to the last minute, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has approved modifications for high school wrestling that will allow for competition to take place during the spring season.

Last Friday, the MIAA Board of Directors held a special meeting to approve modifications to the sport after the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs officially cleared wrestling for Level 3 competition. Level 3 competition allows dual meets to take place.

Wrestling is normally a winter sport, so participation will ultimately be up to the individual schools. Some may or may not be participating due to numbers, especially with multiple sports going in the spring such as baseball, lacrosse, and track.

Like all other high school sports, the MIAA is requiring wrestlers to wear face masks to participate. Wrestling is one of the most close contact sports that is offered for high schoolers, and officials deferred allowing the sport to take place in the last possible high school season in order to allow the vaccination effort to gain traction.

Among the highlighted rules for high school wrestling, masks are not only required for the participants, but all those involved, including coaches, facility personnel, and officials. Spectators will also likely be allowed in a limited capacity with indoor gathering numbers of the increase beginning on May 10.

While many wrestlers are used to participating in large tournaments on the weekend, that will not be the case. There also will not be any dual meet tournaments. Only team versus team duals meets are allowed during the spring season, and at the most, three teams are

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## Photos wanted for Panthers sports

BARRE – With the upcoming season and a limited number of games and opportunities to feature current athletes, the Barre Gazette is in need of and is welcoming any and all photo submissions of Fall 2 sports

beginning next week. If you are interested in either taking or submitting photos from Quabbin games for use in the Barre Gazette, please contact editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com.







# Obituaries

## Gabriel “Gabe” Lexton Maznick, 74

LAURA, MARYLAND – Gabriel Lexton Maznick, known to friends as “Gabe,” of Laurel, Maryland, passed away on April 21, 2021 at the age of 74 years.

Born in Holden, Massachusetts in 1946 to Gabriel and Marion Maznick, Gabe spent his childhood living in Hubbardston. After serving in the United States Army during the Korean War, Gabe attended the University of Massachusetts and graduated with a B.A. degree in history. Upon graduation, Gabe continued to serve the country in the Department of Defense for over 30 years.

As a double lung transplant recipient, Gabe continued to serve the community as a volunteer assisting and mentoring other organ transplant recipients as well as those awaiting transplants. He had a life-long love of woodworking and was a member of the Howard County Woodworkers Guild. Throughout his life, Gabe loved traveling, crazy hats, making people smile and great food. As a Military Veteran and history major, one of Gabe’s great passions was military history, especially WW2.

Gabe is survived by his best friend and partner of 30 years, Kelly Ann Abbott. He was a loving father of two daughters, Shelly-Anne Kelly and Ginna Lynne Rodriguez; five grandchildren, Sarah Patrick, Alexander Chin, Rachel Kelly, Carlos Rodriguez,



Blake Rodriguez and his former wife, Sharyn Bell. As a longtime partner to Kelly Abbott, Gabe is lovingly remembered as step-dad by Shannon Murphy and Brandi Lauer and a grandfather to their children, Brittany Gaughan, Collin Mutton, Cole and Lilli Murphy. He is survived by one brother, Dale Maznick, his wife Linda and their children Jason, Simon and Nicole.

As a double lung transplant recipient in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Living Legacy Foundation online via <https://www.thellf.org/get-involved/> make-a-contribution/ or by mail via: The Living Legacy Foundation, Attn: Ann Bromery, 1730 Twin Spring Road Suite 200, Baltimore, MD 21227.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Gabriel L. Maznick, please visit our floral store.

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Donaldson Funeral Home, P. A. is in charge of arrangements.

### DEATH NOTICE

**Maznick, Gabriel Lexton**  
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said there is a decrease in Chapter 70 money from the state and North Brookfield has about a \$500,000 shortfall.

**Superintendent salary**

A resident questioned why Lind is receiving a \$20,000 pay increase (approved at the School Committee meeting) before the budget has been set. Kiley said, “You can’t say that ‘we are transparent,’ and then not act transparently.” He said the teachers get a 2% cost of living raise and a 2% step increase every year, while town employees were not able to. The resident asked why Lind was earning almost \$200,000 a year when they have so few students. Kiley said neighboring school district, Tantasqua, is much larger and their superintendent earns about \$110,000 for 2,997 students. Canada said Lind is also the co-principal for the high school.

**Spending concerns**

Kiley said the school spent \$700,000 in transportation this year, none of which is recoverable. He

said he asked Lind if a portion of that money was coming back to the town since the services were not used due to remote learning. He said Lind told him they were contractually obligated to pay the bus company. A resident asked if they School Committee was required to tell them where the money goes. Kiley said they are not. The resident asked if an audit could be done on the school system. Kiley said he did not know.

**School choice out**

Kiley said in a tri-board meeting back in 2018, bullying was cited as a reason high school students opt for school choice out of North Brookfield.

Sheila Orsi said they need to do something different to make their school more appealing to prospective students.

BOS Clerk John Tripp said this was “kind of a wake up call.” He said highway, fire and police ask for many things, but if the money is not there, they cannot get everything they ask for. “The town cannot afford that...it’s a matter of numbers,” he said.

The board then entered executive session.

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care, custody and control of inmate activity ensuring the safety of both staff and inmates.

Lieutenant Noe Bard resides in New Braintree with his wife, Heather; son, Gage and daughter, Skyler. Lieutenant Joel Wilson resides in

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allowed to participate in a given event.

Weigh-ins are a big part of the sport. The MIAA is encouraging each school to hold morning weigh-ins with no additional weigh-ins prior to the meet. A rule allowing the plus-three at night will not be allowed for the modified season.

Another big part of the wrestling season will be the possibility of competition taking place in the open air. Schools participating in the wrestling season are being encour-

## RACING, continued from page 7

Devin O’Connell advanced the most positions during the race, scoring the Green Construction, LLC Hard Charger award, worth \$500. Earlier in the day, Justin Bonsignore, Woody Pitkat, Earl Paules and Ben Byrne won heat races, scoring \$300 each courtesy of Pepsi and the Pepsi Challenge. Anthony Sesely and Brian Robie also scored \$300 each from Pepsi with consi race wins.

The Tri Track Open Modified Series returns to the track at Star Speedway in New Hampshire on Saturday, May 22. For more information on the Tri Track Open

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# Church News

## Local pastors offer sermons

### Names and Titles of Jesus Pt. 3

The Bible employs an array of names and titles used in reference to Jesus. Each provides unique insight into His nature and work. Moreover, each helps us to understand the role He should and must play in our lives, shaping how we live before Him. Let us take the time to identify and address the following designations of Christ:

1) Apostle  
Hebrews 3:1 (NIV)  
1 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.

We typically associate the term “apostle” with the group of men who were personally appointed by Jesus to represent Him and establish His Church (e.g., Peter, James, John, etc.). However, the Bible does refer to Jesus as being an apostle in Hebrews 3:1. In fact, this is the only place wherein He is identified in this manner!

What does this term mean-particularly in relation to Christ?

Generally, an apostle is a “sent one” who has the rights, power and authority of the sending agent. Words like ambassador and emissary are fitting synonyms. Thus said, the apostles who were sent by Christ had the rights, power and authority of Christ Himself, as His commissioned agents. Accordingly, the Christ sent by God had the rights, power and authority of the Father Himself, serving as His divine ambassador.

In summary, Jesus is the chief representative of God the Father. For the sake of clarity, it is best not to think of Jesus as one among many apostles. Rather, He is the apostle above all others! In fact, no one has represented the character, will and purpose of God the Father more perfectly than Christ Jesus. Hence the following insight of the author of the Book of Hebrews:

Hebrews 1:1-3a  
1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being . . .

What is our proper response to this heavenly-ordained emissary? Let us heed His teaching and obey His commandments (Matt. 17:5)!

2) Advocate  
1 John 2:1b-2  
1 . . . if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father-Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Greek term rendered “advocate” is parakletos. It is used only by the apostle John in the New Testament-typically in reference to the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17). In this passage, John uses parakletos in a legal sense (i.e., one that was well

established in his era). In the first century A.D., an “advocate” was a helper in court, namely someone who defended another person by offering evidence to support his or her innocence. Using this term, John portrays Jesus as our “Helper” in the court of heaven-He who pleads our case. When we sin, Christ steps forward and pleads the efficacy of His own blood, which He offered as a sacrifice in payment for our transgressions.

Why do we need an advocate? We need an advocate because of the adversary, the devil, who continually accuses us before God (Rev. 12:10). If Satan is the “prosecuting attorney” Christ is our legal advocate and “defense attorney” who helps, defends, counsels and comforts us. He pleads our case before God day and night, providing a continuing remedy for our sin with His blood.

3) Forerunner  
Lastly, let us briefly consider the following passage which identifies Jesus as our “forerunner”:

Hebrews 6:16-20a  
16 People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. 17 Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. 18 God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. 19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, 20 where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. . .

Herein the author of Hebrews identifies why those who have come to faith in Christ can have total confidence in ultimate salvation. Firstly, our salvation rests on both the unbreakable promise and pledge of God (v. 18). Secondly, Christ has already entered the very presence of God-paving the way for all who would follow Him as the divine forerunner (v. 20a)!

To what degree could we trust in a dead Jesus? Could we trust such a Christ to secure a place in heaven for us if He Himself was not even there? Yet the beauty of the message is that Christ has risen indeed, and He has gone before us to make a home for us in glory. When the believer closes their eyes on this life, they can be sure that they will see Him in the next-for the One who promised is faithful (John 3:16).

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I. Introduction:  
The fruit we eat is such a gift to humanity...apples, oranges, bananas, strawberries, mangos, kiwi fruit and more, it is such a pleasure to have them all around, to enjoy their taste, and to benefit from their nutritional value. I love most fruit, but especially grapes. I grew up in the area in the Western Cape Province of South Africa, where we are surrounded by vineyards and wine farms. Those of you who grow grapes or have lived in and traveled to places like California where grapes are so familiar, know how distinct these vineyards can be in their looks and how nice it is to grow one’s own grapes. What did Jesus mean when He referred to Himself as the Vine in our passage? He emphasized the importance of identifying with it, and included the disciples in their own relationship with Him.

II. Jesus, the True Vine  
Jesus’ conversation with His disciples here in the Gospel of John occurs within the context of Him preparing to leave this earth and to be the God. In Chapter 14 He comforts His disciples and encourages them not to be troubled, but to trust in Him and in God. He is going away to prepare room for them in the heavens where God is. He then promises them that they will not be alone, but will receive the Holy Spirit, the One who will be with them, comfort them and teach and remind them of everything Jesus taught them.

Here in Chapter 15, He then goes on to discuss the close relationship He has with His disciples and they with Him. He uses the image of the vine as He describes their relationship...He is the Vine, and they are the branches, and if they remain in the Vine, they will be fine. The vine is one of the most important products of Palestine. It was extensively cultivated by the Jews. It is also an Old Testament symbol for Israel whom God brought from Egypt and cared for. The vine in the Old Testament also refers to Israel as faithless, or being an object of severe punishment, according to Leon Morris in his book on John. We see the OT description of that in Jeremiah 2 v 21, “

Israel as the vine is therefore now replaced by Jesus Christ, the True Vine, who stays true to God and to His disciples. “I am the True Vine, and my Father is the Gardener”, He says. That relationship between Him and God is solid, because God acts at the Gardener, who ensures that the vine and the branches remain in good standing, connected and healthy, and produces healthy fruit. As the Gardener, God also ensures that every branch that does not bear fruit, gets cut off, and the ones that bear fruit gets pruned and bear more fruit. Jesus understands this dynamic and offers His solid union with God as an important gift to them as His disciples.

III. Abide in Me  
All will be well with you, if you as the branches remain in

me as the Vine, He says. I will remain in you, and this mutual indwelling, as it is called by some theologians will be a blessing to them. If they abide in Him, they will bear fruit. But more...the continuous deepening of their relationship with Him will bring them to another spiritual level, where if His words remain in them, they will ask Him whatever they want, and it will be given to them. Their prayers will come alive and will all be heard and answered. Their relationship with Him and their fruitful service will be to the glory of God, and from there all blessings will come upon them! This powerful declaration lays the foundation of a present and future relationship with Jesus Christ, God Most High and the Holy Spirit, a relationship they as disciples would benefit from through their lives in prayer, but it is also a promise to the church then, and now that Christ lives within us and brings our prayer lives to life as we lean on Him and His words of promise and blessing.

IV. Conclusion  
My father planted grapes in our front yard, where the vine would be led up the pillars and the branches would grow along the sides of the roof of the canopy where his pickup truck was parked. It was such a pleasure to watch the grapes ripening in summertime, as we were enjoying our conversations on the front porch. I noticed in recent years that my brothers continue the tradition of planting grapes in their yards, taking after our father. It is lovely to see, and to be reminded of my father as I see their little vineyards bear fruit when I visit.

I had planted you like a choice vine of sound and reliable stock.

How then did you turn against me, into a corrupt, wild vine?

Perhaps you too have a vineyard, or grapes growing in your yard, or maybe you have apple or peach trees, or strawberries or blue berries. Whatever the fruit or veggies you and I plant, we know that there is a connection between the fruit and the branches, small or large. May we be reminded that, as we observe the new growth of fruit hanging out there soon, we too are bearers the fruit of the Spirit of God, the love and compassion of God in us and through us, and for one another. Christ is reminding us this morning to abide in Him, our Vine, whatever our circumstances are. He encourages us to stay connected with Him, to allow the Holy Spirit to help us, pray with us, counsel us, and guide us. He encourages us to not break that connection, but to keep His words, His utterances alive in us, so all our prayers will be heard and answered. This is an incredible promise, which speaks to us at a deep level of commitment and blessing. Let us remember this encouragement as we look to celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the next coming weeks.

May God bless you. Amen .

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

<b>Monday, April 26</b> 6:42 a.m. Sick/Unknown Wauwinet Road – Transported to Hospital 9:55 a.m. Gunshots Lackey Road – Officer Spoke to Party	Road – Information Taken <b>Thursday, April 29</b> 12:38 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems Oakham Road – Transported to Hospital	Problems South Barre Road – Transported to Hospital  <b>Saturday, May 1</b> 10:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Moulton Street – Report Filed 11:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road – Arrest(s) Made
<b>Tuesday, April 27</b> 6:33 p.m. Fire Alarm Activation Ruggles Lane – Investigated	<b>Friday, April 30</b> 10:53 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain Farrington Road – Transported to Hospital 11:40 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain Worcester Road – Referred to Other Agency 9:34 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart	<b>SOUTH BARRE</b>  <b>Thursday, April 29</b> 3:25 p.m. Safety Concern Peach Street – Information Given
<b>Wednesday, April 28</b> 9:51 a.m. Threats Gauthier Road – Officer Spoke to Party 5:10 p.m. Complaint Wauwinet		

## Hubbardston Police Log

<b>Sunday, April 25</b> 11:43 a.m. Follow-up Investigation Main Street – Report Filed Arrest: Ashley Cora, 20, Fitchburg Larceny from Person; Accessory After the Fact; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Accessory Before the Fact 4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued 4:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Vehicle Towed Summons: Meagan E. Marquis, 26, Spencer Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Uninsured Motor Vehicle 5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued 5:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued 6:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued	7:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Vehicle Towed Summons: Xavier J. Santos Rovira, 31, Fitchburg Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit  <b>Tuesday, April 27</b> 7:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/ Fire Main Street – Vehicle Towed 4:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Criminal Complaint Summons: Anthony J. Zappa Jr., 55, Gardner Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  <b>Friday, April 30</b> 7:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop	Gardner Road – Written Warning 11:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/ Fire New Templeton Road – Report Filed  <b>Saturday, May 1</b> 1:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Criminal Complaint Summons: Fernando M. Silva, 27, Marlboro Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle 8:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Cove Road – Criminal Complaint Summons: Lincoln M. Do Amaral, 40, Milford Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle 9:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued 9:54 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain Gardner Road – Transported to Hospital
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## Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of April 26-May 3, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 75 building/property checks, 17 directed/area patrols, 10 radar assignments, 9 traffic controls, 7 emergency 911 calls, 6 motor vehicle stops, 3 safety hazards, 1 larceny/theft/shoplifting, 1 complaint and 1 animal call in the town of Hardwick.	<b>Tuesday, April 27</b> 7:45 p.m. 911 – Lockout Church Lane – Officer Handled  <b>Wednesday, April 28</b> 1:32 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Mechanic Street – Transported to Hospital 7:54 p.m. 911 – Fire Alarm Barre Road – Services Rendered  <b>Thursday, April 29</b> 10:54 a.m. Phone – Larceny/Theft/ Shoplifting Church Lane – Report Taken 7 p.m. 911 – Disturbance Main Street – Arrest(s) Made 9:13 p.m. 911 – Misdiagnosed Chagnon Road – Services Rendered	<b>Friday, April 30</b> 11:51 a.m. 911 – Misdiagnosed Petersham Road – Spoken To 3:59 p.m. Phone – Welfare Check Petersham Road – Transported to Hospital 7:16 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Lower Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency 7:32 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Old Greenwich Plains Road – Taken/ Referred to Other Agency 8 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Greenwich Road – Merge  <b>Saturday, May 1</b> 4:07 p.m. 911 – Misdiagnosed Barre Road – No Action Required 9:20 p.m. Phone – Medical Alarm Main Street – Transported to Hospital
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# Public Notices

<b>BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING</b> The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on <b>Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.</b> Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road and via Zoom requested by All Energy Solar, Inc. and Jeffery A. Degnan, property owner, for the installation of a ground-mounted solar energy system consisting of 20 solar panels at 365W each, for a total of 7.3 kW DC located at 960 Old Dana Road, Assessors Map A, Lot 143 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 15824, Page 0152. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing via zoom or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board. <b>Douglas Martin</b> Chairman 05/06, 05/13/2021	break at property located on 460 Farrington Road Road, Assessors Map F, Parcel 60. Recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 64348, Page 104. All persons who wish to comment submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board or via e-mail: barreboards@townofbarre.com. <b>Douglas Martin</b> Chairman 05/06, 5/13/2021	A copy of which is on file with the Planning Board Office. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or via Zoom or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board. <b>Douglas Martin</b> Chairman 5/6; 5/13/21
<b>BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING</b> The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on <b>Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.</b> at 557 South Barre Road and via Zoom requested by Christal Whelan for a stonewall	<b>BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING</b> The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on <b>Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:20 p.m.</b> in the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road and via Zoom requested by Richard Lindsten to amend the Code of the Town of Barre Zoning 140, Town of Barre Zoning Bylaw and the Zoning Map incorporated therein by reference, by changing the zoning district of land on the Northwesterly side of New Braintree Road aka Main Street and the Northeastly side of Furnace Road aka Wheelwright Road from Limited Business District to become R-15 General Residence District.	<b>Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO21C015SCA In the matter of: Teagan Rose Smith CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME</b> A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by <b>Teagan Rose Smith of Barre, MA</b> requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: <b>Teagan Rose Eckhardt IMPORTANT NOTICE</b> Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: <b>Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the</b>

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## Oakham Police Log

<b>Sunday, April 25</b> 8:53 a.m. Falls North Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital  <b>Monday, April 26</b> 11:33 a.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute North Brookfield Road – Officer Spoke to Party 3:20 p.m. Sick/Unknown Ware Corner Road – Transported to Hospital 8:36 p.m. Structure Fires North	Brookfield Road – Fire Extinguished  <b>Tuesday, April 27</b> 12:17 p.m. Complaint New Braintree Road – Officer Spoke to Party  <b>Wednesday, April 28</b> 3:08 p.m. Allergic Reaction Spencer Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal	<b>Thursday, April 29</b> 5:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued 10:58 a.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope Spencer Road – Report Filed  <b>Saturday, May 1</b> 6:26 p.m. Sick/Unknown Crawford Road – Transported to Hospital
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## Rutland Police Log

<b>Sunday, April 25</b> 8:53 a.m. Falls North Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital  <b>Monday, April 26</b> 9:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Removed to Court/Lockup Arrest: Rachel L. Simoncini, 30, Jefferson License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With 12:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Vehicle Towed Summons: Erik A. Stevens, 57, South Barre Inspection/Sticker, No; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With 3:20 p.m. Sick/Unknown Ware Corner Road – Transported to Hospital 4:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/ Fire Maple Avenue – Vehicle Towed 8:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/ Fire East County Road – Services Rendered  <b>Tuesday, April 27</b> 1:36 p.m. Gunshots Glenwood Road – Officer Spoke to Party 5:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued Summons: Brian J. Crosbie, 21, Holden Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID; Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Uninsured Motor	Vehicle 7:07 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Barre Paxton Road – Information Taken  <b>Wednesday, April 28</b> 1:02 p.m. Animal Bite Brunelle Drive – Officer Advised 3:08 p.m. Allergic Reaction Spencer Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal 4:23 p.m. Complaint Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party 4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Written Warning 4:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Wachusett Street – Criminal Complaint Summons: Amy L. Dadamo, 27, Leominster License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With  <b>Thursday, April 29</b> 8:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Criminal Complaint Summons: Christopher D. Kennedy, 33, Holland License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Inspection/Sticker, No 9:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Citation Issued 9:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning 11:08 a.m. Breathing Difficulty Main Street – Transported to Hospital 11:53 a.m. Suspicious Activity East County Road – Arrest(s) Made	Arrest: Jeffrey Dowgiewicz, 30, Webster Warrant  <b>Friday, April 30</b> 6:17 a.m. Prowler/Trespasser Ridge Road – Information Given 10:58 a.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope Spencer Road – Report Filed 3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued 6:01 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning Miles Road – Transported to Hospital  <b>Saturday, May 1</b> 7:11 a.m. Suspicious Activity Barrack Hill Road – Report Filed 8:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued 8:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Citation Issued 10:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 11:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Citation Issued 5:39 p.m. Larceny/Theft Marjorie Lane – Officer Advised 6:26 p.m. Sick/Unknown Crawford Road – Transported to Hospital  <b>Sunday, May 2</b> 12:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 1 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
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## New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of April 27-May 3, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 15 building/property checks, 22 directed/area patrols, 8 radar assignments, 9 traffic controls, 3 emergency 911 calls, 2 motor vehicle stop, 2 animal calls, 9 traffic controls, 2 safety hazards and 1 complaints in the town of New Braintree.	<b>Tuesday, April 27</b> 5:43 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency McKay Road – Transported to Hospital  <b>Friday, April 30</b> 3:17 p.m. Initiated – Suspicious Activity Memorial Drive – Officer Handled 8:46 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency	<b>Saturday, May 1</b> 1:44 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Padre Road – Transported to Hospital 2:11 p.m. 911 – Animal Call Hardwick Road – Negative Contact 6 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Mara Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency 7:35 p.m. Phone – Complaint Bernard Whitney Road – Spoken To
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# Domestic violence abusers hotline up and running

## First such hotline in the United States

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE – Always looking for an alternate way to address domestic violence, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission along with other groups, have planned and started an anonymous, non-recorded help line for domestic abusers.

The PVPC is working with Behavioral Health Network and the nonprofit Growing A New Heart, as well as two rural domestic violence task forces from the Ware River Valley and the Southern Hilltowns to oversee and guide the project.

While most programs target hotlines, counseling and planning for domestic abuse victims, this new hotline, Ten to Ten, is for domestic violence abusers, and is the first such hotline in the United States, although similar programs exist in Australia and the United Kingdom.

Monica Moran, coordinator for the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force and PVPC's Domestic Violence Prevention Programs manager, said as domestic abuse has risen during the pandemic, she and others were looking to find another tool that could address the problem.

"There's a national move toward restorative justice," she

said referring to the adoption of non-criminal responses to criminal behavior. "It was a way to not just to have the victim always be the one who has to do things, such as move out. We wanted to increase the options to anybody who wanted to stop abusing, and who wants their partner to be safe."

CARES Act funding will be used as it is intended to address the impact of COVID-19, and studies across the country and the world show an increase in intimate partner violence since the pandemic started, she said. It's not too surprising that the rates have risen, she said, because the pandemic's physical restrictions and job losses have put more stress on families.

"The pandemic didn't cause the abuse, but when life isn't going well sometimes the abusers take it out on those around them," Moran said.

Jason Patrissi, a volunteer with the hotline, said he believes it will be effective tool for those who are already abusive or who at risk to be abusive. "They're already one step up because they have motivation or epiphany to want it to stop," he said.

Abusers' belief and value systems allow them to see abuse as an approved mode of behavior, he said, and they often overestimate how many people believe the same thing.

"They've usually been socialized to violence," Patrissi said.

Usually the turning point comes when a partner is leaving or has left, and when it might impact how often they get to see their children.

Abusers, most of whom are men, can call the hotline without fear of being identified and ask for help, Moran said.

Patrissi stressed this is not about offering mental health therapy, although that might be needed at some point, and it's not about what causes abuse; it's about changing behavior by changing one's values.

"I've been working with abusive men for over 20 years, and it's very difficult to reach self-actualization by one's self, they need a lot of support and there isn't a lot of it out there," he said.

The callers, which can also be friends and family members who may be afraid a person is going to abuse their partner, or who already has, may be looking for help as well, Moran said.

The volunteers ask the abusers what their goal is and what they are willing to do to reach it, Patrissi said. They explore what's going on with them, and in the short-term abusers can be referred to resources, such as intimate partner abuse groups. These groups are funded by the state Department of Public Health, and go for 40 weeks, with two-hour groups each week. They meet with fellow abusers along with a facilitator on the issue of domestic abuse.

Abusers have to come to the mindset that they don't have the right to put their hands on anyone, he said, and learn "to do no harm."

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is providing supplemental funding so that the Helpline can serve all of Western Massachusetts.

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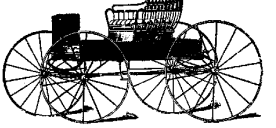
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Weir River Jazz, a 17-member offshoot of the Weir River Concert Band, is dedicated to the appreciation and performance of Big Band jazz and swing music and also performs more modern works. John Sacco,

a Vietnam veteran and former public school music director, directs both groups, which rehearse weekly in their ‘new home’ at the Stone Church. Donna-Lee DePrille, a well-known vocalist from the Pioneer Valley, will perform with the jazz group on June 13.

Weir River Concert Band is a 30 plus member, multi-generational ensemble of flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, French horns, tubas and percussion. The ensemble plays music from movies, television favorites and traditional band music classics. It was formed in 2006, providing an opportunity for musicians of all ages from Ware and surrounding communities to bring people together through music.

Following the long pandemic shutdown, these free community concerts are the first

in-person events at the Stone Church. “The concerts were conceived in a spirit of hope by the groups and are presented in a spirit of joy in bringing people together again,” said Judy Edington, FOSC president.

Friends of the Stone Church (FOSC) is a non-profit community organization. Its mission is to preserve and protect the Gilbertville Stone Church and to facilitate its use by and service to the regional community. The vision is to use this historic landmark as a place of cultural and community enrichment. Donations are gratefully accepted by check to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or through FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org. This program is supported, in part, by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, through its Project Grants program.

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